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SUBJECT: BHUTTO'S CHARGES OF INTERFERENCE

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE BY THE  
DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN: QUOTE:(IF ASKED)

Q. WHY DID THE USG TRANSFER TWO DESTROYERS TO PAKISTAN THE  
DAY AFTER BHUTTO CHARGED US WITH INTERFERING IN PAKISTAN  
POLITICS?

A. THIS WAS A LONG PLANNED TRANSFER AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF  
CONGRESS LAST YEAR. WE SAW NO REASON TO HOLD UP THE TRANS-  
FER, WHICH WAS MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF PAKISTAN'S OVERALL  
DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS.

Q. WHAT ELSE IS IN THE PIPELINE? ARE YOU CONTINUING OTHER  
TRANSFERS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

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A. I DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON THIS BUT WILL LOOK INTO IT.

Q. WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THE PAKISTANI REQUEST FOR A-7S?

A. I HAVE NOTHING ON THAT FOR YOU.

Q. WHAT ARE YOU DOING CURRENTLY ABOUT THE PROPOSED FRENCH-

PAKISTANI REPROCESSING DEAL?

A. BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE AWARE OF OUR CONTINUING CONCERN ON THIS MATTER, AS PART OF OUR GLOBAL POLICY ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT, AND WE ARE PREPARED FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

-- IF PRESSED ON PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY MEETING:

A. NO TIME HAS YET BEEN SET. BEYOND THAT, I HAVE NOTHING FOR YOU.

Q. THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED A CCC CREDIT LINE OF DOLS 24 MILLION FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 35,000 THOUSAND TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL TO PAKISTAN. IN VIEW OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S ACCUSATIONS OF U.S. INTERFERENCE IN PAKISTAN'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, WHY DID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKE THIS ACTION?

A. PAKISTAN APPLIED FOR THIS CREDIT EARLIER IN THE YEAR TO FINANCE ESSENTIAL IMPORTS OF VEGETABLE OIL. SINCE THE NEED FOR THESE IMPORTS WAS WELL ESTABLISHED THE APPLICATION WAS APPROVED. THIS HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR WEEKS AND THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANCE IN THE FACT THAT IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.  
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